South Korea, Taiwan, USA, West Germany, France, U.K. Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Norway and Spain. Direct and indirect subsidies being provided to shipbuilders in these countries are estimated to be varying between 35 per cent to 40 per cent of the cost of the new ship.

(e) It is not correct to say that Indian Shipyards are not able to meet indigenous requirements. The installed capacity of the Indian shipyards is far below tonnage requirements. But due to the unprecedented shipping recession the ships are offered by some of the far-eastern countries at prices below cost has resulted in the underutilisation of the capacities of the Indian shipyards.

Protocols signed with foreign countries in the fields of sports

2844. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed protocols in the field of sports with some countries during the last two years;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the priority games under the objectives of each such protocol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last two years Governments have signed sports protocols with the German Democratic Republic (GDR) (for the years 1986-87), the USSR (for the years 1987-88) and Cuba (for the years 1987-89).

2. The sports protocols *inter-alia* include provision of scholarships, exchange of specialists and experts, coaches and sports teams in various disciplines, literature publications, films and video cassettes on different sports. Games and sports like Handball, Swimming, Volleyball, Boxing, Athletics (Track and Field), Gymnastics, Diving, Football and Hockey are covered under the Indo-GDR sports protocol. Volleyball, Gymnastics, Boxing, Chess, Archery, Hockey, Football, Athletics (Track and Field), Swimming, Weightlifting, Badminton, Tennis, Wrestling, Cycling, Water Games like Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and Water Polo and Winter Sports are covered under the Indo-USSR sports protocol. Boxing, Chess, Volleyball, Basketball and Hockey are covered under the Indo-Cuban sports protocol.

3. Government have also signed a supplementary protocol with the USSR on cooperation between the two countries for developing the South Centre of the National Institute of Sports at Bangalore into a Centre of Excellence in certain disciplines like Athletics, Boxing, Weightlifting, Volleyball and Basic Sciences. Under this protocol, the Government of USSR will assist in organising the work of the Centre providing with sports and medical equipment, training of Indian personnel and holding of joint training camps.

Timely issue of GPF/CPF statements to teachers

2845. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that statements of General Provident Fund/Contributory Provident Fund account in respect of teachers are not issued to them for each financial year within three months after the end of that financial year as is the practice in the Central Government offices; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that such statements are made available to the teachers well in time?